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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

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FROM:

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SUBJECT:

LEAK DATA ASSESSMENT

Following up on our meeting of August 9, 1971, the following is a preliminary list of the kinds of information we would hope to be able to gather.

- (1) The frequency of leaks as a function of time.
- (2) The frequency of leaks associated with particular writers.
- (3) The gravity of leaks as a function of time.
- (4) The frequency of leaks on particular subjects.
- (5) The relationship between the frequency and gravity of leaks on one hand and the intensity of a particular negotiation, e.g. SALT, Berlin, Paris talks, etc.
- (6) The frequency with which particular bureaucracies are involved.
- (7) A comparison of the frequency and gravity of leaks in this Administration with the frequency and gravity of leaks in previous Administrations.
- .. (8) The recurrence of particular motives.
- (9) The frequency of the use of Congress as a vehicle to leak.
- (10) The comparison of the number of leaks which occur overseas with those which occur at home.

(11) An estimate of the number and proportion of leaks which are deliberately planted by the Administration (authorized leaks).

(12) An estimate of the number and proportion of leaks which are unauthorized but intentional.

(13) An estimate of the number and proportion of leaks which are unintentional and result from either a) a single source, or b) several sources which are pieced together by the reporter.

(14) An estimate of the number and proportion of leaks that are pro-Administration policy and those which are anti-Administration policy.

(15) An estimate of the number and proportion by foreign governments. || 2

(16) A comparison of the number and proportion of leaks which essentially put out correct information in comparison with those that put out essentially incorrect information.

(17) A breakdown of the subject areas which seem to have the heaviest concentration of leaks.

(18) A breakdown of the level of officials leaking as a function of frequency and gravity.

(19) An assessment of the proportion of leaks which are a product of a conscious disinformation program directed against foreign intelligence agencies.

I would appreciate your comments on this and any other suggestions or ideas you might have on the above.

It is my understanding that you will get a preliminary report to me by Monday.